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In re Patent Application of:

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Dear Sir:

Applicants filed a Status Inquiry on January 4, 2005, but have not received a reply from the PTO. It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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